

**The Churches of St Bartholomew and St Chad  
Thurstaston and Irby  
1st December - First Sunday of Advent**



**Collect**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen

**Post-Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep  
us faithful as we await the coming of your  
Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**For our Community:**

Please pray for all who serve us in our local community and for local businesses and community groups.  
Please pray for those elected to serve in local and national government.  
Please pray for schools in our parish.

**For our Church:**

Please pray for victims and survivors of abuse and safeguarding teams across the diocese.  
Please pray for Bishops Mark; Julie and Sam, & Archdeacons Mike and Jane  
Please pray for Revd Ailsa Whorton and 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards  
Please pray for Revd Malcolm Cowan and others who serve in the Chaplaincy department of the hospital

**For the world:**

Please pray for all countries of the world where people suffer from war, natural disasters and the effects of climate change

**For the Sick:** Please pray for Amanda Fletcher, Margaret and Roy Fordham, John Reynolds, Isabelle Vickers, Roy Thomas, Meira Jones-Evans, Sally Felix, Muriel McKie, Joan Stanley (friend of Tina Samson), Teddy David Boote (age 4, Great Nephew of Elizabeth Barton and Joyce Kenworthy), June Bibby, Elizabeth Hall and Baby Erin (granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Margaret and Roy Fordham), Leslie Worrall, Dot Turner and all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For wedding couple:** James Leyland and Laura Mc Cabe

**For the bereaved:**

**Forthcoming Services**

**Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**  
(check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)

**EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads**

**Sun 1st Dec**                    **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
   **10.30am Holy Communion at St Barts**

**Sun 8th December**        **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
   **10.30am All Age Worship at St Chad's**

**Sun 15th Dec**                **9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
   **10.30am Morning Worship at St Barts**

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### **Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

### **New Testament Reading: 1 Thess 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-36**

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>25</sup> 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **A BOOK FOR ADVENT** **"Do Not be afraid" by Rachel Mann**

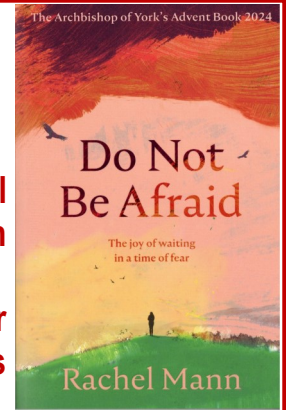
ISBN:978-0-281-09001-3

Daily Readings from Advent Sunday (this year 1st December) until Christmas day. Why not treat yourself to a few minutes space each day in the busyness of December to stop and reflect?

If anyone would like the opportunity to discuss the book and hear reflections from others as they read it too, you would be welcome to join us at St Chad's on Wednesday's 7.30-9.00pm

**4th Dec - to look at days 1-4, 11th Dec - to look at days 5-11, 18th Dec - to look at days 12-18**

You should be able to purchase the book from any good bookshop - online or physical



### **TABLE TALK FOR CHRISTMAS - All Welcome**

**11.30am - 12.30pm at St Chad's Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th Dec**

Table Talk provides an opportunity to take part in meaningful conversations about the things that really matter. Gather around a table to talk, laugh, be understood and get to know another's point of view.



PARISH GIVINGS SCHEME

This QR code can be used with mobile phones to make donations to Church using a debit or credit card.

It is becoming increasingly important that

- we reduce the amount of cash and cheques that we handle
- and increase the number of donations made through PGS, standing orders, or using electronic payment devices, etc.

The reason being that the PCC is being charged to bank cash and cheques over a certain limit each month, and we have reached that limit a few times in the last year.

Thank you for taking time to prayerfully consider your donations to church and for all financial support that is received.

Your donations enable us to work towards our vision of serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby.

**Would you like to do one of the readings  
at the Carol Service  
on Sunday 22nd December  
(6.00pm Barts)**

**ANYONE IS  
WELCOME TO LET  
REVD JANE KNOW  
IF THIS IS  
SOMETHING YOU  
WOULD BE WILLING  
TO HELP WITH.**



### **CHURCH ROTAS**

We have recently produced the rotas for Dec 24 until the end of Feb 2025. We would love to encourage new people to join the rotas during 2025. If you would like to shadow someone to learn what's involved, please speak to Revd Jane.

Become a sidesperson/welcomer, join the coffee team, do a Bible reading, lead the prayers, become a sacristan (preparing communion table before services), become a server (helping with communion), join the flower team, help at Junior Church.

**Your Church NEEDS YOU  
and would love to encourage you in  
stepping out in faith to take on a new role.**

A warm welcome  
at the  
**Warm Hub**

Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Open to everyone, so please drop in!

St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH  
0151 648 8169

There are a range of activities  
including quizzes, Games,  
jigsaws, Crosswords etc

Throughout December there is a  
programme of festive events.

The warm hub will be closed on  
December 24th & 31st



The Warm Hub  
belongs to a  
growing national  
network of  
Places of Welcome



**ADVANCED NOTICE OF  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Sun 22nd December

9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's

WITH NATIVITY AND JUNIOR CHURCH

6.00pm Carol Service at St Bartholomew's

Tuesday 24th Dec - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at St Bartholomew's

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

at St Bartholomew's

Wednesday 25th Dec - Christmas Day

10.00am All-Age Communion at St Chad's

**THANK YOU** from Dawpool WI

to all who helped with knitted / crocheted  
Poppies for the Village display. You are invited  
to free Mince Pies and tea/coffee in the Village  
Hall on 18th December at 1.30pm.

**Donations of Flowers for Church:** You can make a  
donation "in memory of", "in celebration of" or just  
because! Please sign up at the back of church. You do  
not have to arrange the flowers - the flower team can  
do that for you.

Money for your donation (with your contact  
details and the date for your flowers) should  
be given to the parish office in a clearly  
marked envelope, or by BACS indicating  
that it is Flower Fund, followed by email to the office.



Please continue to collect and **R N I B**  
bring your used stamps to \_\_\_\_\_  
Church. See differently

RNIB request that, if possible, you leave 1cm  
of envelope around the stamp. Thank you for  
your continued support. Jean Heath



Wirral Foodbank are  
running short of the  
items on the Shopping  
list. Please bring any  
donations to St Chad's  
Office and Kate will  
deliver them to the  
Foodbank.

**SHOPPING LIST**

- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, SWEETCORN)
- TINNED CUSTARD
- TINNED FRUIT
- JAM
- SHAMPOO
- FEMALE HYGIENE
- TOOTHBRUSHES/PASTE
- DEODORANT



**Are you Experiencing Domestic Abuse?**

Freephone  
24 hr Helpline  
0808 2000 247  
Irby Pharmacy is a safe space

St Bartholomew and St Chad takes its duty and  
obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We  
have adopted the national Church of England's  
robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out  
more about the national policies and procedures at  
[www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)



**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**